butaline Injection and marketing Clofazine Caps without price approval;

(b) if so, when did it come to the notice of Government;

(c) whether any penal action was taken against the company as provided under the Drugs Price Control Order;

(d) what are the names of formulations which Astra-IDL are marketing under exempted category along with composition and therapeutic indication and selling price of each product during 1979 and on 31st October, 1985;

(e) whether it is also a fact that this company is marketing a number of formulations without price approval and if so, what are the names of those formulations; and

(f) why no action has been taken against this company despite the fact that they have violated a number of provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1979?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c), (e) and (f) The Government is looking into the matter.

(d) As per the price list of the company submitted in January, 1985, they are not marketing any Category IV formulation.

Court cases relating to price fixation of multivitamins

2205. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain drug companies went to various High Court's on the issue of fixation of prices of multivitamin preparations;

(b) if so, names of each company and date;

(c) names of each product of each company along with composition, price fixed as well as selling price of each;

(d) what is the present status of each case;

(e) since when each of these companies is marketing these products at thir own price;

(f) what was the sales turn over of each product of each company during the last three years, year-wise;

(g) what was the selling price of each product before reducing the ingredients along with composition of each;

(h) whether it is a fact that these companies made huge unintended profits at the cost of consumer; and

(i) if so, what steps Government have taken to expedite the implementation of fair prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After fixation of prices of reformulated multivitamin formulations on 12th August, 1983 M|s. Pfizer, Sandoz, Warner Hindustan, Parke Davis and M|s. Abbot filed Writ Petitions in the Bombay High Court and M|s. Biological Evans in the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(c), (e) to (g) Over 700 formulations of about 50 companies are involved. Time and efforts involved in collecting the comprehensive details as asked for hundreds of multivitamin formulations would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. According to the available information all except those who filed Writ Petitions have complied with the prices.

(h) Does not arise.

(d) and (i) Bombay High Court set aside Government orders in the case of M|s Abbot, Pfizer and Sandoz and directed the Government to hear these companies based on the material that might be submitted by the Companies and then pass the orders. Hearings have since been given and action to revise the prices is on. The remaining cases are yet to be disposed by the High Court.